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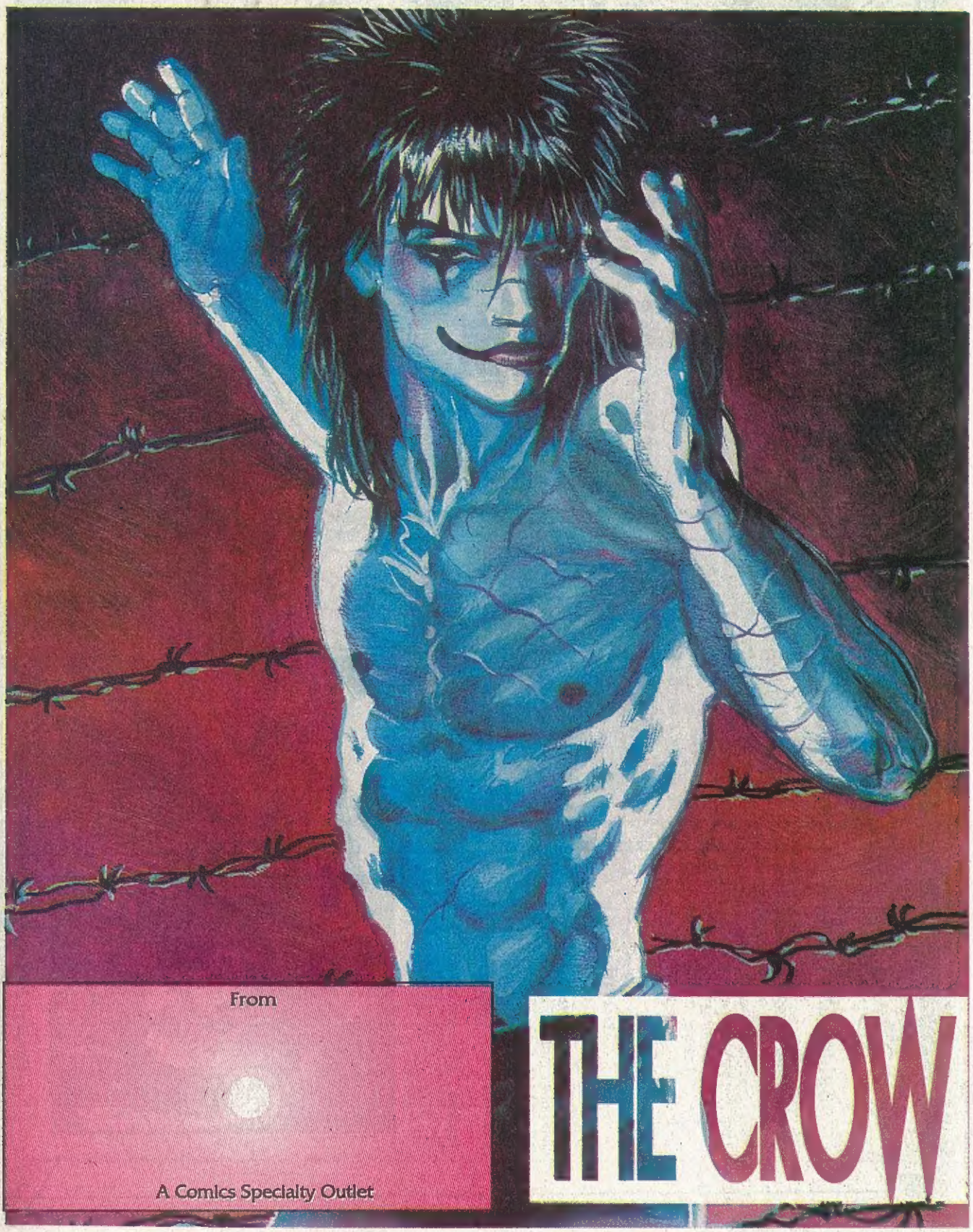

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Welcome to the **CSN Winter Preview**. *Winter is traditionally the slowest time of the year for comics--but it certainly isn't a slow time this year! Almost every publisher has important new projects slated to appear in the next three months. We can't take a look at everything that everyone is offering--but we can give you the inside scoop on the highlights of what you can look forward to in the comic shops between now and early March!*

Aardvark-Vanaheim

Cerebus - Cerebus' "Melmoth" storyline continues throughout the winter--and will continue until next fall, as a matter of fact, where it culminates in **Cerebus #150**. Meanwhile, the **Cerebus Trade Paperback,** reprinting **Cerebus 1-25,** is being reissued in January, while **Cerebus: High Society,** a companion 500+ page trade paperback reprinting **Cerebus 26-50**, follows in February. *($25 @)*

AC

Femforce- After some heavy-hitting super-heroine action in December's **Femforce 32,** the Femforce takes an issue to regroup in **Femforce #33;** this issue gives readers a look at just what effect recent events have had on the members of Femforce. The next month, "A Darkness Within" marks the beginning of the end of the Black Shroud storyline, which will, according to AC, has been running in almost all of their superhero books since 1983. *($2.75 @, Dec-Feb)* The **Girls of Femforce Portfolio** features ten illustrations by Mark Heike and Doug Hazlewood. It is being offered in a standard $9.95 edition and a deluxe $14.95; the deluxe edition adds color to six of the ten plates. *(Dec)* Later this winter, AC will offer a **Femforce button set** featuring 5 2.25" buttons featuring Rad, Synn, Tara, Dragonfly, and the new Ms. Victory. *($6, Feb)*

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Adventure

Ape Nation - In what will undoubtedly be the hottest series Adventure has produced so far, the worlds of Planet of the Apes and Alien Nation cross in a Marshall, Wyman, and Pallot series that pits an army of apes, humans, and Tenctonese against Alexander and Ape City. *(Feb, $2.50)*

Beneath the Planet of the Apes - This second **Planet of the Apes** graphic album reprints the Doug Moench-Alfredo Alcala adaptation of **Beneath the Planet of the Apes** that originally appeared in a Marvel magazine in the 70's. The 144-page graphic novel will feature a full-color photo cover and rare photos from the film. *($9.95, Feb)*

Interactive Comics - It's proven popular in the paperback market, so why not comics? This is a "find-you-own-adventure" format book that features different Dudley Serious adventures in each volume. The first issue, "Dudley Serious in the Dungeon of Doom," is a fantasy-gaming storyline by Paul O'Connor and Dave Cooper; future issues will explore sf and superhero games. *(Dec, $4.95)*

Retief & the Warlords - Adventure's adaptations of Keith Laumer's **Retief** series continue with this four-issue miniseries adapting Laumer's Retief novel. Balfour and Campos adapt this tale that pits human hors d'oeuvres against a race of alien connoisseurs. *(Jan, $2.50)*

Urchak's Folly - The third time's the real charm for Adventure's **Planet of the Apes** series of books; this Gary Chaloner **Planet of the Apes** mini-series is the best Apes book yet! A human who isn't quite sure how he came to the world of the apes finds his future inextricably intertwined with that of Colonel Urchak, leader of the apes. *(Jan, $2.50)*

Aircel

Carmilla - J. Sheridan Le Fanu's classic vampire tale is adapted in a six-issue comic book series by Jones and Ross; this is vampire sexuality at its gothic best by an author who helped define the genre. The first issue's Dave Dorman cover featuring a nude vampire is hidden behind an outer paper wrapper and a sealed plastic bag. *(Feb, $2.50)*

Chaser Platoon - Future interstellar wars. Armored fighting machines. Rugged, intrepid heroes. This is the stuff of which manga-inspired limited series are made--and Eldred and Krueger are right in the middle of this story about Mechasoldiers and the Iron Infantry Platoon. *(Feb, $2.25)*

Deadwalkers - Fans of **Deadworld** will love this series about reanimated corpses that wage war against the remnants of the human race. Have the zombies found a leader who can outsmart the living? *(Jan, $2.50)*

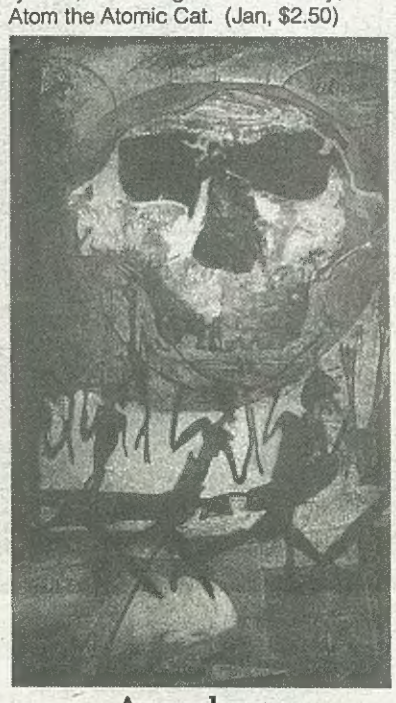
Fire Team - Don Lomax explores an even more horrifying aspect of the Vietnam war in this series about Vietnamese refugees resettled in the US whose "guardian angels" are the ghosts of a platoon of soldiers who gave up their lives so that these same Vietnamese could make it to freedom. (Dec, $2.50)

Camilla ™ &©1990 John Ross

Graphic Albums - **Dead & Buried** reprints the four-part **Walking Dead** series, which ties in with this winter's Deadwalkers miniseries *(Feb, $9.95)*; **Silverstorm** reprints the Fortenberry-Butler-Branch excursion into the realm of superheroes that was such a hit this past summer. *(Feb, $9.95)*

A+

Atomic Mouse - The anthropomorphic hero from the 1950's and 1960's returns in this series that reprints several Al Fago funny-animal adventure storylines, including Atomic Bunny, and Atom the Atomic Cat. (Jan, $2.50)


Primal art ™ &©1990 John Van Fleet

Apocalypse

Primal - Clive Barker, Dan Chichester, Erik Saltzgaber, and John Van Fleet join forces to present this all-new, especially-created-for-comics Clive Barker series about the Riven, a race of beings whose realm is fear. After millennia of exile, a single Riven has returned to our world to remind mankind of his ancient brethren. All the previous Barker series have been adaptations of already-published works or new stories by other authors set in Barker's worlds; this is the first original series actually co-written by Barker. (*Feb, $5.95)*

Apple

Fish Police - Before fans ever heard of **Fish Police,** Steve Moncuse and Paul Nagy created the first issue of **In-**

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spector Gill of the Fish Police--and then filed it away, creating an entirely different first issue for publication by Fishwrap. Now Apple has gotten the rights to the unreleased premiere issue, and is publishing it as **Fish Police #0**. Art Adams supplies a new cover for this never-before-seen issue. *(Feb, $2.50)*

Mighty Mutanimals

Archie

Archie Americana - At long last, Archie Comics kicks off its eagerly-awaited reprint series with a 128-page volume reprinting some of the best Archie material from the 1940's, including the first appearance of Archie in **Pep Comics 22**. Horror master Stephen King, a closet Archie fan, provides the introduction for this trade paperback. *(Jan, $12.95)*

Little Archie - The youthful adventures of the redhead from Riverdale are featured in this new series by Frank Rocco. This series, which has a very "animated style," isn't anything like the old Bob Bolling series--and it doesn't try to be. *(Jan, $1)*

Mighty Mutanimals - This is a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles spinoff that begins in the pages of **TMNT 19** and then moves into its own three-issue miniseries courtesy of Clarrain, Mitchroney, & Berger. As the name indicates, it's a funny-animal mutant superteam. *(Jan, $1)*

Brave New Words

Post Mortem - All the early Matt Howarth Post Brothers stories are collected in a perfect-bound edition that all fans of Those Annoying You-Know-Whos will enjoy. *(Feb, $4.95)*

Stinz - Donna Barr's "half-horse" series finds a new home, but the anthropomorphic series, strong on character and mood, is the same crowd-pleaser it's always been. The first issue from Brave New Words presents a flashback to Stinz's first mission during the war. *(Jan, $2.50)*

Caliber

Airwaves - Michael Lark's new series is set in the fictional Capital City, where governmental decisions are based solely on profit margin (doesn't sound too different from today's world, does it?). "The director" has instituted a new form of mind control, and it's up to a group of rebel freedom fighters to stop him. *(Feb, $2.50)*

Billy Nguyen - The irreverent Vietnamese detective returns in this new full-color two-issue limited series that focuses on a mysterious killer who somehow manages to "de-colorize" his victims. *(Dec, $2.95)* At the same time, Caliber will reprint the earlier **Billy Nguyen** run in a 96-page trade paperback. *(Dec, $9.95)*

Deadworld: Rising of the Dead - The **Deadworld** series gets a companion mini-series courtesy of Thayer and the Brothers Day; this series features a different cast of characters than those found in **Deadworld,** and the author stresses that not all of the characters will survive the confrontation. *(Jan, $2.95)*

Gaijin - Gabriel Morrissette's **Gaijin** series, the story of a pirate organization trying to free America from Japanese economic domination, is spotlighted in this 64-page all-new one-shot. *(Dec, $3.50)*

Lost Angel - Kevin VanHook's series about Angela Caine, a private detective with a less than angelic past. According to Caliber, "Lost Angel features a mix of psychological terror and high-tech action in one complete tale. *(Jan, $3.50)*

Nuclear Winter Blues - Gabriel Morrissette is a busy man indeed, creating yet another new series for Caliber; this story deals with survival in a post-holocaust world in which nuclear war threatens the very existence of humanity. *(Feb, $2.95)*

Startling Crime Illustrated - This is an irregularly-published series featuring self-contained adventures with a mystery-suspense slant. Ken Holewczynski is featured in this issue, contributing to all but one of the stories in the collection. *(Jan, $2.95)*

Trade Paperbacks - **Mackenzie Queen** reprints the Bernie Mireault series originally published by Matrix Graphics *(Dec, $14.95)*; **Deadworld Book II** reprints **Deadworld 8-16** in their entirety, along with a cover gallery *(Jan, $14.95)*; **Realm Book IV** reprints **Realm 13-15,** the storyline concerning the death of Marjorie, plus the "Glitch" story and the **Silverfawn** one-shot *(Feb, $12.95)*.

Almuric

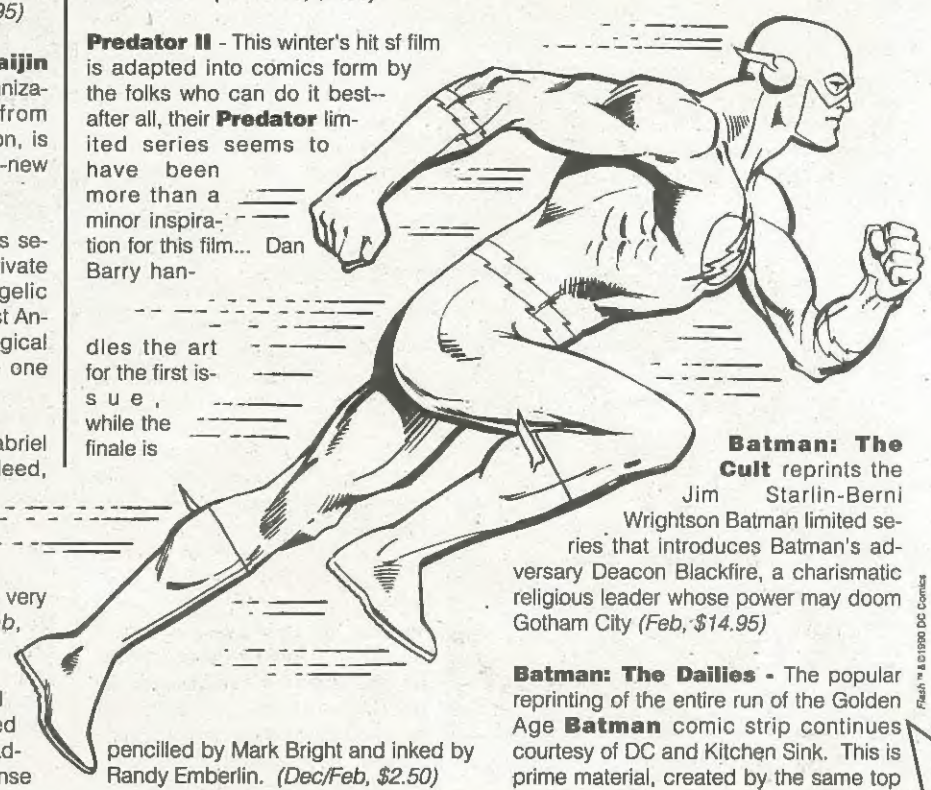
Dark Horse

Aliens Vs. Predator - The fourth issue of this mega-hit series, due out even as you read this, is illustrated by fan-fave Chris Warner--as if it needed something else to make it a super-hot issue.... *(Dec, $2.50)*

Almuric - This graphic novel reprints the entire Roy Thomas-Tim Conrad adaptation of the E. R. Burroughs-ish novel by Conan creator Robert E. Howard. An intrepid hero, Almuric, finds himself whisked through space where he lands on a strange world populated by beautiful women and barbaric beastmen--and if he ever read a John Carter story, he'd know just what to do once he gets there... *(Jan, $10.95)*

Hard-Boiled - The second and third issues of this Frank Miller-Geoff Darrow limited series expand to 48 pages each--and Dark Horse promises more of the surreal mayhem that marked the premiere issue. *(Dec-Feb, $4.95)*

Predator II - This winter's hit sf film is adapted into comics form by the folks who can do it best--after all, their **Predator** limited series seems to have been more than a minor inspiration for this film... Dan Barry handles the art for the first issue, while the finale is pencilled by Mark Bright and inked by Randy Emberlin. *(Dec/Feb, $2.50)*



Trade Paperbacks/ Hardcovers - **The Best of Dark HOrse Presents Volume II** reprints memorable stories from **DHP 21-30** *(Dec, $12.95)*; **Aliens II Limited Edition** reprints the Verheiden/Beauvais series in a 2500 copy run that's sure to be an instant collectible *(Jan - check with your local shop for price)*; **Predator Limited Edition hardcover** reprints the Verheiden-Warner-Randall miniseries in a 2500 copy edition that's also sure to be an instant sellout *(Feb, check with you local shop for price)*.

DC

Action - Superman reveals his secret identity to Lois Lane in **Action 662**--and the Superman mythos will never be the same! *(Jan, $1)*

Angel And The Ape

Angel and the Ape - One of the less-well-remembered concepts from the 1960's returns in a lighthearted new series by Phil Foglio. Angel, a beautiful private eye, is back--along with her partner Ape, who finds himself transformed into a mere human by forces beyond his control. What part does Gorilla Grodd play in all this?...read it and find out! *(Jan-Feb, $1)*

Avatar Comics - DC's latest TSR-inspired gaming comic is a massive 96-page per issue series by Barbara Kesel and Dameon Willich. This three-issue monthly series is filled with the sort of grand fantasy adventure TSR fans would expect. *(Dec-Feb, $5.95)*

Batman: The Cult reprints the Jim Starlin-Berni Wrightson Batman limited series that introduces Batman's adversary Deacon Blackfire, a charismatic religious leader whose power may doom Gotham City *(Feb, $14.95)*

Batman: The Dailies - The popular reprinting of the entire run of the Golden Age **Batman** comic strip continues courtesy of DC and Kitchen Sink. This is prime material, created by the same top

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talents responsible for some of the most memorable Batman material of the Golden Age. *(Jan/Feb, $12.95)*

Challengers of the Unknown - The Challengers return in a new limited series--and we learn that the adventures we all remember so fondly from their earlier incarnations were by and large fabrications by a very active Challengers publicity department. Now the Challengers are blamed for hundreds of deaths, their headquarters is destroyed, two of their members are missing, and it's up to the remaining Chals to find out just what went wrong. Screenwriter Jeph Loeb makes his comics debut in this Tim-Sale-illustrated series. *(Jan, $1.75)*

Detective Comics - **Detective 627** celebrates Batman's 600th appearance in the pages of this prestigious title; to commemorate the event, DC offers an 80-page issue containing four separate versions of Batman's first tale, "The Case of the Chemical Syndicate," as interpreted by famous Batman creators past and present. *(Feb, $2.95)*

Doctor Fate - Make room for a new Doctor Fate--or should we say an old Doctor Fate, since Inza Nelson and husband Kent have returned to don the Fate mantle and helm. However, something goes wrong, and Kent Nelson is left all too human while Inza wields the power of Doctor Fate alone...and the Lords or Order are ready to take advantage of her lack of experience. William Messner-Loebs, Vince Giarrano, and Peter Gross debut as the new **Fate** team to take the book in a new direction. *(Jan-Feb, $1.50)*

Flash - The CBS television series has made the Flash hotter than a fireplace in January, so DC is giving new readers a chance to catch up on background info with **The Greatest Flash Stories Ever Told,** a 288 page hardcover that reprints some of the best tales of all three Flashes. *(Jan, $29.95)*

Green Lantern Emerald Dawn II - That's right, the hit limited series of 1989-1990 is back in a second run. This second limited series by Giffen, G. Jones, Bright, and Tanghal picks up where **Emerald Dawn** left off, with Hal Jordan sentenced to 90 days in jail for drunk driving--and Green Lantern undergoing training at the hands of Sinestro. *(Feb, $1)*

Justice Society of America - Crisis be hanged, the Justice Society is back! Sure it's a flashback to the 1950's, but who cares?! Len Strazewski and a host of artists (including Rick Burchett, Tom Artis, and others) offers a classic JSA adventure that pits the entire team against the menace of Vandal Savage. In grand JSA tradition, the eight-issue series presents the entire team, then splits them up into small groups or solo heroes, reuniting them for the climactic final battle. *(Feb, $1)*

Kid Eternity - The Golden Age hero Kid Eternity is back--but you can be sure that Grant Morrison and Duncan Fegredo's interpretation of the hero will be very different from what you remember! Kid Eternity is now an agent of the Lords of Chaos, battling the Lords of Order for the fate of the world. It's a grand, mystical, cosmic three-issue limited series that'll be a must-have for everyone who enjoyed **The Books of Magic.** *(Feb, $4.95)*

Legends of the Dark Knight - "Prey" by Doug Moench and Paul Gulacy wraps up this winter, and a new limited series, "Venom," debuts; this Denny O'Neil-Trevor VonEeden-Jose Garcia-Lopez series reveals just how far Batman will go to build himself up for his role as a crime-fighter. *(Feb, $1.50)*

New Titans - Interest in the New Titans is getting hotter and hotter as Marv Wolfman and Tom Grummett re-form the team--leaving some dead and disabled Titans along the route. Be on hand to find out just who the new team will be... *(Jan-Feb, $1.75)*

Robin - If you didn't know that Robin was the hottest limited series debut of this past fall, then you've obviously been in intensive care for the past couple of months. The limited series that molds and defines the new Robin continues through the winter, leading to a spring finale; interest in a Batman-related project hasn't been this high since the summer of 1989! *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

Superman Special - Walt Simonson, late of **Fantastic Four**, writes and illustrates this story of the accidental destruction of all kryptonite at the hands of Superman's enemy Lex Luthor--but before you get too busy celebrating, perhaps you should know that in destroying kryptonite, Luthor has created something that might be even worse for the Man of Steel. *(Feb, $2)*

Swamp Thing - Swamp Thing, Abby, and their daughter Tefe wage war against the "Gray," the force that is opposing the Green. The six-part "Quest for the Elementals" storyline, running through the spring, will reveal hitherto-unknown aspects of the Swamp Thing's origin. *(Dec-Feb, $1.50)*

Who's Who - Just in time, DC has scheduled a second **Who's Who Binder**--and this one features new artwork by Brian Bolland, cover artist extraordinaire. *(Feb, $8)*

Disney

The Great Mouse Detective - This Prestige-format one-shot adapts Disney's film of the same title, in which Basil and his assistant Dr. Dawson do battle with the evil Ratigan, who plans to replace Queen Moustoria with a robot double. *(Feb, $4.95)*

Shipwrecked - Bill Rotsler and Dan Spiegle adapt this live-action Disney film in a prestige-format comic that tells the story of a young boy stranded on a treasure-filled island. *(Jan, $5.95)*

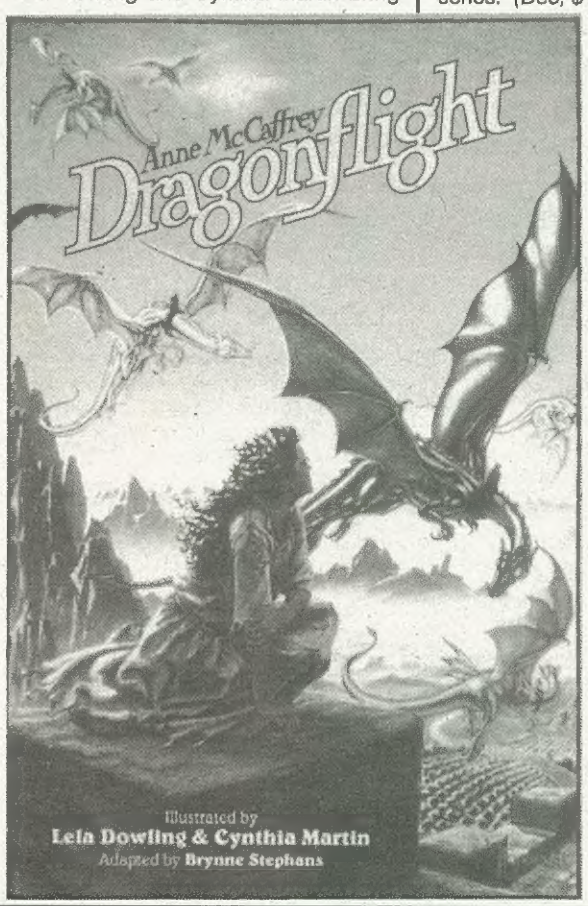
Walt Disney's Spring Fever - This is the first issue of a new quarterly series that features a heaping helping of your favorite Disney heroes, including Donald Duck by Carl Barks. *(Feb, $2.95)*

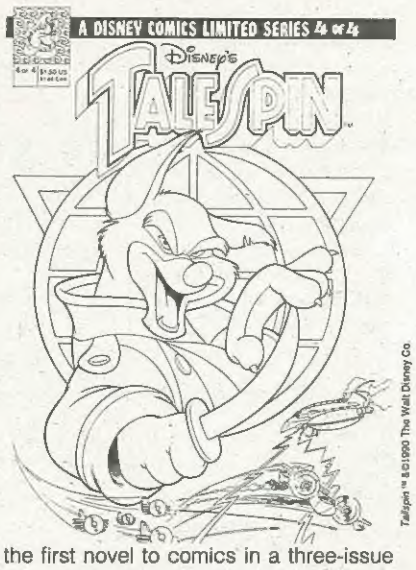
White Fang - Jack London's classic naturalistic animal tale is adapted to film by Disney--and to comics by Disney's Hollywood Comics line. *(Dec, $5.95)*

Eclipse

Appleseed Book 4 - Appleseed is back again--and this time they're doing war against terrorists who have infiltrated Olympic City. Masamune Shirow's manga series continues to rival Akira in popularity. *(Dec/Feb, $3.50)*

Dragonflight - Anne McCaffrey's Dragons of Pern series has been phenomenally popular in paperback; now Lela Dowling and Cynthia Martin bring the first novel to comics in a three-issue fully-painted prestige-format limited series done in the same format as The Hobbit. *(Feb, $4.95)*





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I Am Legend - Richard Matheson redefined the horror story in the 1950's with this modern vampire tale; Steve Niles and Elman Brown turn it into a three-issue prestige-format black and white limited series with stunning fine-line artwork that has to be seen. *(Feb, $5.95)*

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Miracleman Book Three: Olympus - The third **Miracleman** paperback reprints the Alan Moore-John Totleben storyline that wrapped up Moore's run on the series and paved the way for the current Gaiman-Buckingham series. *(Dec, $12.95)*

Pandemonium - This isn't exactly a comic book; instead, it's a trade paperback highlighting an unpublished Clive Barker play, "History of the Devil," along with other Barker-related works. *(Jan, $14.95)*

Son of Celluloid - Books of Blood falls by the wayside, to be replaced by this new format: single-issue adaptations of Barker's remaining **Books of Blood** stories. This issue by Barker and Les Edwards is a macabre story of an old movie theater whose images aren't quite what you might expect. *(Jan, $6.95)*

Trading Cards - Stars of the Negro League is a Mark Chiarello-illustrated set of 36 cards

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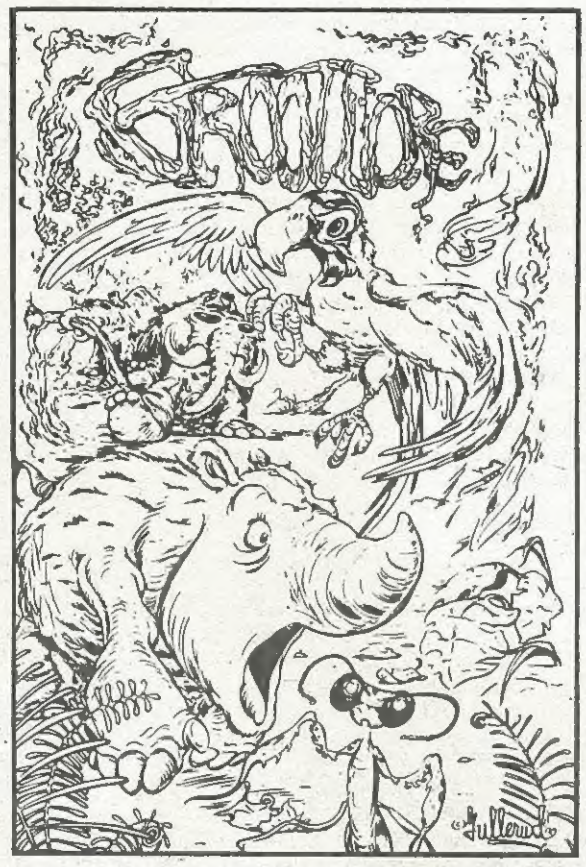
featuring some of the greatest baseball players from the years when the game was still segregated *(Dec, $8.95)*; **Drug Wars** by Brancato and Yaqub explores the government's "war on drugs" with the same irreverent tone that made **The Iran-Contra Scandal** cards so popular *(Feb, $8.95)*



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Eternity

Blood Feast - Eternity kicks off its adaptations of Herschell Gordon Lewis' early gore-films with one of the best known of the bunch. This series will have two different covers, a tame and a graphic. *(Feb, $2.50)*. At the same time, Eternity will also publish the **Blood Feast Screenplay,** a complete, uncut script to the original film. ($4.95)

Classic Girls - The early, hard-to-find Malibu issues of The Trouble With Girls are reprinted in this series that also features new covers by top artists like Paul Gulacy. *(Dec-Feb, $2.50)*

Dracula: The Lady In the Tomb - Bram Stoker's opening chapter to Dracula, published as a separate short story since 1914, is adapted into comics by the same team responsible for Eternity's **Dracula** adaptation. *(Jan, $2.50)*

I Love Lucy In Full Color - The title says it all: this series features color versions of some of the best **I Love Lucy** tales from the 1950's. *(Jan, $5.95)*

Pentacle: The Sign of the Five - Warlock 5 returns courtesy of Cunningham and Ross; this series deals with the classic confrontation between good and evil as the fate of earth lies in the balance. Unfortunately, the evil Kaji has enlisted human help, and his aides have infiltrated the New York Police department... *(Feb, $2.50)*

Plan 9 From Outer Space: 30 Years Later - John Wooley writes this sequel to the Ed Wood film "praised" by some as the worst film ever made. This time, the aliens are back, and they have a new plan that involves replacing Earth's leaders with alien duplicates. *(Jan, $2.50)*

The Three Stooges in Full Color - More 1950's reprints, this time featuring everyone's favorite Columbia two-reeler stars. This 48-page volume has three full adventures plus shorter strips. *(Feb, $5.95)*

Eros

Amora - Gray Morrow's work from various men's magazines is featured in this anthology; included is a Flash Gordon parody. *(Feb, $2.95)*

Betty Being Bad - Betty Page inspired yet another tribute/collection, this one assembled by John Workman and featuring rare photos from his collection *(Dec, $3.50)*.

Cannon - Wally Wood's classic mature-reader adventure story, originally serialized in military papers, is collected in a ten-issue limited series that features some of the best work from the latter years of Wood's career. *(Dec-Feb, $2.75)*

The Kinky Hook - Steve Ditko's work in conjunction with fellow studio artist Eric Stanton is presented in this adult series that features little nudity, but lots of elaborate bondage adventures done with a sense of wit and humor. *(Jan, $2.50)*

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Evolution

Dangerous Times - This stylish comic features two serialized storylines in each issue; "Beleagean Days" is a science fiction series about humans stranded on a vast intergalactic starship, while "Vidorix the Druid" is classic heroic fantasy with a quest motif. *(Feb, $1.95)*

Fantagor

From the Dark - Richard Corben turns his talents to horror in this new series, produced with the help of a new computer graphics program. Rich Margopoulos, Bruce Jones, and Brian Buniak also contribute to the first issue. *('Feb, $2)*

Fantagraphics

Aesop's Fables - Each issue of this series adapts several of the oft-retold stories by Aesop; various contributors choose their favorite fables and turn them into short comics works. *(Dec, $2.50)*

Bill Sienkiewicz Sketchbook - Rescheduled from last spring, this Sketchbook offers readers an insider's look at the work of one of the most influential artists in comics today. *(Dec, $19.95)*

Captain Jack: A*K*Q*J* - The cast and crew of Captain Jack are back in a new Mike Kazaleh series that seems to be inspired by those Warner Bros. cartoons in which time was no obstacle. The first issue is set in medieval times. *(Jan, $2.75)*

Grootlore - Peter Gullerud is back with a new three-issue miniseries version of his offbeat strip, this time with an ecological theme. *(Jan-Feb, $2.50)*

Snake Eyes - This 80--page graphic album features some of the best "cutting edge" talent in the field, along with an impressive assortment of more mainstream works, including Dave Mazzuchelli, Glenn Head, Julie Doucet, Gary Panter, Charles Burns, and others. *(Dec, $7.95)*

Haunt of Fear ™ &©1990 William Gaines

Vaughn Bode's Sketchbook - The third volume of this popular series offers another selection of one-panel strips from Bode's 1960's sketchbooks, including 8 pages of material that has never been reprinted. *(Feb, $9.95)*

First

Classics Illustrated - **Classics** goes twice-monthly beginning in 1991, beginning with **The Devil's Dictionary** by Ambrose Bierce (adapted by Gahan Wilson) and **The Secret Agent** by Joseph Conrad (adapted by John K. Snyder); in February, First will offer **The Invisible Man** by H.G. Wells (adapted by Rick Geary) and **Ivanhoe** by Sir Walter Scott (adapted by Mark Wayne Harris and Ray Lago). *(Jan/Feb, $3.95)*

Hammer of God: Sword of Justice - First has brought its ongoing comics series to an end, but they're promised to replace them with a series of limited series and prestige-format one-shots. The first such limited series is a sequel to last summer's Hammer of God series. Mike Baron, Roger Salick, and Steve Epting bring Judah the Hammer (from **Nexus)** back in a second adventure, this time pitting the Heads against the Bad Brains. *(Feb, $4.95)*

New Statesmen ™ &©1990 Fleetway/Quality

Fleetway-Quality

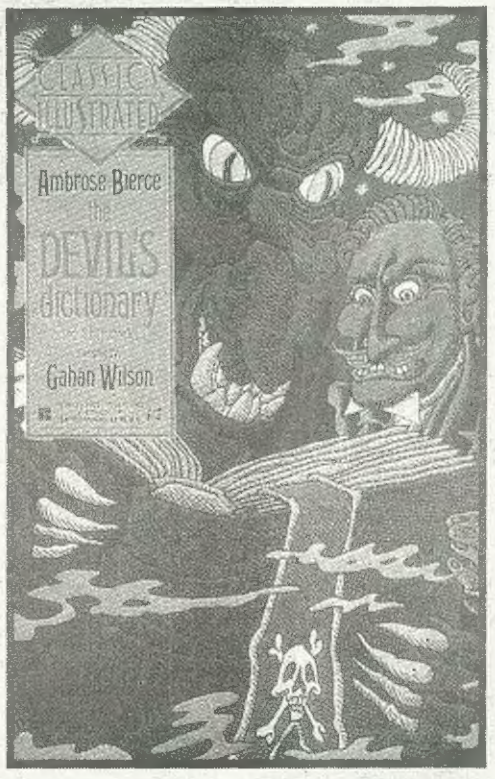
Judge Dredd: Bad Science - Fleetway-Quality's Judge Dredd "Definitive Edition" series continues with a second fully-painted-color 64-page prestige-format volume collecting the best Judge Dredd stories ever produced. *(Feb, $7.95)*

Loner - David Pugh is the creator of this series about a survivor from the destruction of the planet Earth; he's looking for a new habitable world to call home--and finding loads of adventure along the way. *(Dec, $1.95)*

New Statesmen - The Complete New Statesmen collects the entire five-issue limited series in one 256-page full color volume; if you didn't read this **Watchman**esque series when it first appeared, here's your chance! *(Feb, $14.95)*

Gladstone

Haunt of Fear - Gladstone has discontinued **Weird Science,** but they've replaced it with a third horror title that--



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ironically enough--features an issue of **Weird Science** or **Weird Science-Fantasy** as the second book in each issue. *(Feb, $2)*

Go-Go

Creepsville - Can you imagine a world populated by all the "just plain folks" from those 1950's grade-B sf films? That's what **Creepsville** is. Of course, if the cast is going to act like the cast of grade-b sf films, then you know that they have to face grade-b sf film monsters in each issue, right?... *(Dec, $2.95)*

Harvey

Monster in My Pocket - Harvey expands into the toy-tie-in market with a comic book series inspired by an upcoming action-figure line. Various monsters find themselves transported from their world into ours--but in the process, they're reduced to the size of toys and have to rely on a Fonzie-like teenager to hide them. This series is produced by the same team responsible for Marvel's **Damage Control.** *(Jan-Feb, $1.25)*

Innovation

The Colour of Magic - Terry Pratchett's wryly humorous first Diskworld novel becomes a light-hearted fantasy comic book courtesy of Rockwell and Tolson. You've never seen a fantasy world quite like Diskworld... *(Jan, $2.50)*

Equinox Chronicles ™ &©1990 Jeff Hendricks & Mark Jones

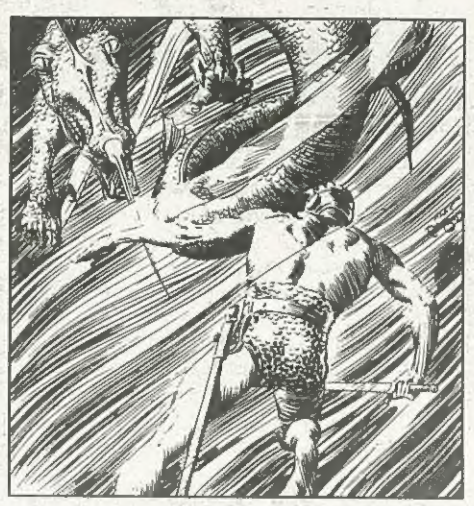
Equinox Chronicles - Hendricks, Jones, and Harrison introduce a new superhero espionage series this winter. The gifted heroes and heroines of Equinox are determined to stop the psychotic terrorist Black Avatar, no matter what the cost. *(Jan, $2.25)*

Flare First Edition - This special issue reprints the first **Flare #1** from Hero Comics, featuring material by Burgard and Beachum. *(Feb, $3.50)*

On a Pale Horse - Piers Anthony's **Incarnations of Immortality** novels began with this story of a man who conquered death--only to have to take his place. Now Dave Campiti and Michael Okamoto bring this series to comic books in a six-issue series of 52-page prestige-format books. *(Dec, $4.95)*

The Shadow of the Torturer - This is quite a winter for Innovation's series of sf/fantasy adaptations; Gene Wolfe's Shadow of The Torturer, the first novel of his Books of the New Sun series, becomes a comic book courtesy of Rockwell and Naifeh. This series deals with a torturer who commits the ultimate breach of duty--he shows mercy! *(Jan, $2.50)*

Torchy - Bill Ward's Golden Age "Torchy the Blonde Bombshell" stories are made available to a whole new generation of comics fans; this is primo "good girl" stuff, packaged with an eye-catching Olivia de Berardinis cover painting. *(Feb, $2.50)*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Kitchen Sink

Flash Gordon Volume Two - Kitchen Sink's full-color reprinting of the Alex Raymond **Flash Gordon** series is a must-have for any comics connoisseurs; each 112-page volume reprints almost two years' worth of Raymond's best work. *(Feb, $34.95)*

Omaha Collection Volume 4 - The popular adult series by Reed Waller and Kate Worley earns a fourth trade paperback collection, anthologizing **Omaha #11-14** and adding an all-new eight-page story written by James Vance. *(Dec, $15.95)*

Postcards - Kitchen Sink will offer a series of postcards this winter, including cards featuring the Spirit, Xenozoic Tales, Omaha, Nancy, Fritzi, and Buzz. *(Feb, $1@)*

Will Eisner Reader - The seven unreprinted stories that Will Eisner created for **Will Eisner Quarterly** are unreprinted no more; this 88 page volume assembles all of them in a single durable volume. *(Jan, $9.95)*

World's Worst Comics Awards - You know, there have been a lot of really bad comic books published in the past twenty five years--and Kitchen Sink is determined to ferret 'em out in this highly entertaining two-issue limited series. The absolute worst comic of all will be named in the second issue--which will be shipped pre-bagged to prevent peeking... *(Dec-Jan, $2.50)*

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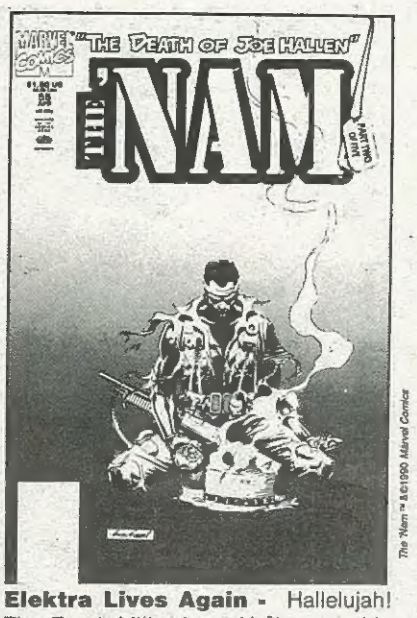
Marvel

Captain America - Cap celebrates his fiftieth anniversary in January--and Marvel gives him a 64-page issue featuring four different stories illustrated by a variety of popular artists. This is just the start of a year of Cap projects. *(Dec, Feb, $1; Jan, $1.50)*

Conan - Roy Thomas, one of **Conan**'s most lauded writers, returns to the title again this winter--and he's bringing back Red Sonja with him! The three-part Conan-Red Sonja story runs throughout the winter. *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

Darkhawk - Marvel kicks off its new titles for 1991 with **Darkhawk.** Danny Fingeroth and Mike Manley are the creators for this supernatural adventure series about a young teenager whose life is changed by a mysterious amulet that endows him with super-powers. Spider-Man guest stars in the second issue. *(Jan-Feb, $1)*

Destroyer: Drive-By Heaven - Remo Williams and Chiun are back in a full-color comics one-shot that paves the way for their upcoming bookshelf-format limited series. Will Murray and Lee Weeks produce this action series with a sense of humor; this time the Destroyer and his mentor face down a Detroit street gang using a .50 caliber machine gun to commit drive-by shootings. *(Jan, $1.95)*



The 'Nam ™ &©1990 Marvel Comics

Elektra Lives Again - Hallelujah! The Frank Miller-Lynn Varley graphic novel that almost everyone has been waiting on is ready at last, and we should see it before Christmas! Matt Murdock is a part of the story, but this is really Elektra's book--and that certainly isn't bad news, is it?... *(Dec, $24.95)*

Excalibur: Weird War III - Excalibur faces off against their Nazi-universe nemeses in this all-new graphic novel. You'll get a chance to see the Nazi versions of other Marvel heroes, including Professor Xavier, who is now one of Hitler's most trusted advisors! *(Dec, $9.95)*

Fantastic Four - The landmark 350th issue is coming up--and Walt Simonson is at long last bringing back the Ben Grimm version of the Thing. Doctor Doom also plays a major role in this storyline. Oh, yeah...just in case you missed it, December's issue features the third part of the Walt Simonson-Art Adams "new Fantastic Four" storyline featuring Hulk, Wolverine, Spider-Man, and Ghost Rider. *(Dec, Feb $1, Jan $1.50)*

Guardians of the Galaxy - Rancor, the direct descendant of Wolverine, appears this winter as the Guardians finally discover the fabled Planet of the Mutants. X-Men fans won't want to miss this storyline. *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

Incredible Hulk - It's amazing that Peter David and Dale Keown have made the Hulk one of the hottest titles Marvel's publishing--but they aren't planning to lighten up a bit in 1991! The Hulk will meet the Pantheon, a mysterious brain-trust that will play a significant role in the Hulk's future. *(Dec-Jan, $1)*

Iron Man - The Armor Wars wraps up

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Sheena returns for Marvel

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this winter--and you can be sure that the Mandarin is playing an important part in its outcome! John Byrne, writer of the series, takes up a pencil to illustrate the January issue as well. *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

Marvel Comics Presents - Barry Windsor-Smith reveals Wolverine's origin in a thirteen-art serial that begins in **Marvel Comics Presents #72** and runs throughout the spring. This series has been in the works for many months now--and believe us, it'll be worth the wait! No Wolverine fan will want to miss it. *(Dec-Feb, $1.25)*

Marvel Illustrated Swimsuit Special - You've seen it when **Sports Illustrated** did it--now see it Marvel-style! A variety of Marvel talents offer swimsuit pin-ups of some of Marvel's favorite gals 'n' guys--and there's a story here to boot! You can't miss this one--it's the book behind that eye-catching She-Hulk cover by ace artist Brian Stelfreeze *(Jan, $3.95)*.

New Warriors ™ &©1990 Marvel Comics

New Warriors

Metropol - Ted McKeever, creator of **Eddy Current** and **Plastic Forks,** is back with a new story dealing with the citizens of Metropol, a surreal city that will become the site of strange happenings indeed. "McKeever does superheroes" is too simplistic for this series--but it does give you a hint of what to expect... *(Jan-Feb, $2.95)*

The Nam - "The Death of Joe Hallen" runs throughout the first half of 1991, following a black Vietnam vet from his first tour of duty through his return to the United States. It's a hard-hitting, somber story in the mood of the most serious Vietnam films and novels. *(Dec-Feb, $1.50)*

Namor the Sub-Mariner - Remember the Invaders? They're back in **Namor #12,** a double-sized issue with a can't-miss cover featuring Sub-Mariner, Captain America, and the Human Torch. In February, the book heads in a different direction as the Fantastic Four join the cast--and Namor is arrested for his attacks on Roxxon. *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

New Mutants - The **New Mutants** series comes to an end this winter; **New Mutants #100** will be the final issue--but Cable isn't taking the demise of the team as a "sure thing." Instead, he and his assistant Domino set out to re-form the team "from the ashes"--and you'll see the results of their efforts this June, when the first issue of the new X-Force title debuts courtesy of Rob Liefeld and Fabian Nicieza. (Dec-Jan $1, Feb $1.50)

New Warriors - The Punisher crossover wraps up this winter--but that doesn't mean that the book is taking it easy. The White Queen returns in February in search of her former student Firestar. Nicieza and Bagley are making this one of the hottest new titles of 1990--and wait until you see what's in store for this title in the spring!... *(Dec-Feb, $1)*

Punisher Portfolio - Mike Zeck and Phil Zimelman present a fully painted six-plate portfolio based on the black and white illustrations that Zeck did for a 1989 French portfolio. *(Feb, $15.95)*

Spider-Man - Spider-Man hangs out with some pretty powerful company; he starts off the winter palling around with Ghost Rider, and ends it up with his old buddy, Wolverine! Todd McFarlane certainly knows what fans are looking for... *(Dec-Feb, $1.75)*

Spider-Man: Fear Itself - Gerry Conway, Ross Andru, and Mike Esposito created numerous Spider-Man adventures in the 1970's; they've reunited in 1990 to produce this new graphic novel that takes Spider-Man to Bavaria in search of a stolen chemical agent. *(Feb, $9.95)*

Spider-Man Saga - You've seen the Marvel Saga, the Wolverine Saga--now it's time for the Spider-Man Saga, a history of the webspinner featuring art from the entire range of his comic book career. *(Jan-Feb, $2.95)*

Toxic Avenger - You've seen the Troma Films, now read the Marvel Comic! Melvin the Mop Boy gains super-powers after a strange toxic waste accident. This series mixes super-hero action, satire, and surrealism in a manner that emulates the two films that inspire it. *(Feb, $1.50)*

Trade Paperbacks - **The Death of Jean DeWolff** reprints Peter David's first major storyline--one that introduced the Sin-Eater *(Dec, $10.95)*; **Night Raven** gives American audiences a first look at Steve Parkhouse, David Lloyd, and John Bolton's story of a gangland vigilante known as Night Raven *(Dec, $9.95)*; **Groo** reprints the first four issues of Epic's **Groo** series, making this a great companion volume to the **Groo Chronicles** series *(Dec, $8.95)*; **Hellraiser** reprints the best stories from the first four issues of this Clive Barker bookshelf-format series *(Feb, $12.95)*.

Millennium

The Mummy - This series, adapting the popular Anne Rice novel, continues throughout the winter, adding just a bit to the season's chill. *(Dec-Feb, $2.50)*

King Kong art ™ &©1990 William Stout

Monster Comics

Metacops - Put Jayne Mansfield, Leonardo daVinci, Albert Einstein, and Delmore Schwartz together, and what do you get? One guy who's hopelessly outclassed...and a new series about time-travelling policemen. *(Dec, $1.95)*

Monsterama - Remember Forrest J. Ackerman's **Famous Monsters of Filmland?** It's back--or at least the best of its early issues is back in the pages of **Monsterama.** *(Dec, $3.95)*

Piranha

Beautiful Stories For Ugly Children - Louapre and Sweetman return in an all-new trade paperback featuring three full-length **Beautiful Stories...** installments. *(Feb, $14.95)*

Epicurus the Sage Book Two - William Messner-Loebs and Sam Kieth offer a second installment of their offbeat look at Greek philosophers, deities, and history. This time, Epicurus gets involved in an investigation to discover just what sort of dalliance is going on between Zeus and Danae. *(Dec, $9.95)*

Northstar

Faust Saga - This two-in-one title, featuring the adventures of two different Fausts, should debut this winter after being delayed from the fall. Mark Beachum is one of the artists for the series, along with the ever-popular Tim Vigil. *(Dec-Feb, $2.50)*

Revolutionary Comics

The Beatles Experience - This limited series re-tells the history of the Beatles in typical **Rock and Roll Comics** style. Should be interesting... *(Jan-Feb, $2.50)*

Russ Cochran

Star Wars Set - This boxed three-volume set reprints the entire run of the Star Wars strip from February 9, 1981, until March 11, 1984. Archie Goodwin and Al Williamson contribute new introductions for the deluxe set, done in the same format as Russ Cochran's EC Library. *(Jan, $150)*

Special Studio

Piranha Is Loose - Dave Darrigo and Peter Grau offer a no-holds-barred series about a former DEA agent who returns to the jungles to fight the drug-lords on their own turf--and on his own terms. *(Jan, $2.95)*

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Spiderbaby Grafix

Spiderbaby - Stephen Bissette's first monthly solo comics series debuts in 1991; we don't know what you can expect, but you can be sure that it'll be as offbeat as anything you've seen in the pages of **Taboo,** the horror anthology produced irregularly by Bissette and crew. *(Jan, $2)*

Trident

The Children's Hour - Trident enters the horror market with this new series about a policeman plagues by visions of dead children--and then his life gets really disturbing!... *(Jan, $2.25)*

Lucifer - This trade paperback reprints the recent series about a young man who becomes the new ruler of hell--and then sets out to invade the earth! *(Jan, $6.50)*

Parallel Minds

Parallel Minds - Trident tries its hand at super-heroes with this new series--but since this is a Trident comic, you can be sure that it isn't just another superhero book. *(Feb, $2.50)*

TSR

Comics Modules - TSR continues its line of comics modules in 1991, including **Buck Rogers, 13: Assassin, Intruder, RIP,** and **Warhawks.** Each comic also features a gaming supplement; some have modules, while some have stand-alone adventures. *(Dec-Feb, $2.95 @)*

Tundra

Cages - Dave McKean returns to comic in this existential 10-issue limited series that explores the meaning of life and human existence. So it's a vague description--you gotta see it to understand it. *(Dec-Feb, $3.50)*

From Hell - Alan Moore and Eddie Campbell began this series about Jack the Ripper in the pages of **Taboo;** now the first installments are collected in prestige-format editions. (Feb, $4.95)

Sketchbook - The title says it all. The first issue offers a look at the sketchbooks for the upcoming series **Melting Pot,** while the second issue peeks inside John Totleben's sketchbooks. *(Dec, Feb - $3.95)*

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Volume One - This trade paperback reprints the Archie issues of **TMNT** in fully painted color; this is a great companion volume to the First Comics color **TMNT** volumes reprinting the Eastman-Laird material. *(Dec, $9.95)*

Viz

Area 88 - This aviation strip was one of the first successful manga titles; now Viz is reprinting it in inexpensive graphic albums. Once they've reprinted all the previously-translated installments, they're considering translating material never before seen in the US. *(Feb, $12.95)*

Xenon - The Masaomi Kanzaki sf-adventure series **Xenon,** originally published by Eclipse, kicks off Viz's lower priced Top Graphic Albums. *(Jan, $12.95)*

Warp

Elfquest - **Elfquest Book Seven: The Cry From Beyond** reprints the first four issues of the **Elfquest: Kings of the Broken Wheel** series--but this time fans can see them in cover in the same format as the earlier **Elfquest** graphic albums. *(Jan, $16.95)*

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